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SENATE BILL NO. 1308

Offered January 13, 2021

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-923, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, of the Code of Virginia, relating to pedestrians; interference with traffic; penalty.

Patron—DeSteph

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 46.2-923, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-923. (Effective until March 1, 2021) How and where pedestrians to cross highways.

A. When crossing highways, pedestrians shall not carelessly or maliciously interfere with the orderly passage of vehicles.

B. When crossing highways, pedestrians shall not maliciously or intentionally interfere with the orderly passage of vehicles. A violation of this subsection is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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~~C. No law-enforcement officer shall stop a pedestrian for a violation of this section. No evidence discovered or obtained as the result of a stop in violation of this subsection, including evidence discovered or obtained with the person's consent, shall be admissible in any trial, hearing, or other proceeding.~~

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